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SUBJ: GULF ATOMIC REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM HERMAN HOLM IN ZURICH OFFICE OF GULF GENERAL ATOMIC EUROPE (SUBSIDIARY OF GULF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC., SAN DIEGO) WHO REQUESTED WE CONTACT DR. QABBANI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, RE GULF PROPOSALS FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR IN SAUDI ARABIA. HOLM PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS GET SOME IDEA IF POSSIBLE OF SAUDI DESIRES WITH REGARD TIMING AND SCHEDULE FOR MOVING AHEAD WITH RESEARCH REACTOR PROJECT HERE.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH QABBANI, WHO STATED POSSIBILITY FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT DEPENDS ON SAG BUDGET WHICH DUE TO BE PUBLISHED IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. QABBANI INDICATED "FURTHER STUDY REQUIRED." HE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER CHESSWORTH LETTER OF JULY 11 FROM SAN DIEGO YET RECEIVED AND EMBASSY IS SENDING HIM COPY (WHICH HOLM HAD SENT TO US). QABBANI ALLUDED POSSIBILITY MINISTRY PETROLEUM DISCUSSING MATTER WITH "OTHER CONSULTANTS", BUT HE DID NOT RPT NOT GIVE US IMPRESSION DECISION IMMINENT. SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY CONSIDER "ANY FURTHER PROPOSALS" FROM GULF (THOUGH WE GATHER COMPANY HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED UNCLASSIFIED

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RATHER ELABORATE SERIES OF SUGGESTIONS).

3. WE GATHER GULF IS PREPARED ACT BOTH AS CONSULTANT IN PREPARATION OF PROPOSAL AND TO PERFORM AS WELL IN ITS ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION, ASSIST SAUDIS WITH TRAINING, ETC. WE NOTE ORDINARILY SAUDI GOVT PREFERS HIRE CONSULTING FIRM SEPARATE FROM ENTITY ACTUALLY UNDERTAKING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION. GULF MAY HAVE TO ADDRESS ITSELF PARTICULARLY TO CONVINCING SAUDIS WHY IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN THIS INSTANCE THAT BOTH CONSULTATION AND DESIGN SHOULD BE DONE BY SAME COMPANY UNDERTAKING CONSTRUCTION.

4. EMBASSY HAPPY BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE GULF MAY DESIRE.

5. PLEASE INFORM HOLM OF FOREGOING AT OFFICE GULF GENERAL ATOMIC EUROPE, WEINBERGSTRASSE 109 8006 ZURICH.  
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